

**MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF CARROLLTON  
FEBRUARY 17, 2003**

**MINUTES**

Regular Council Meeting	<p>The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 17, 2003 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. in the Court/Council Room, Public Safety Complex, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pilgrim.</p>
Roll Call	<p>There were present: Mayor Gerald Pilgrim, presiding Councilmember Gerald Byrd Councilmember Henry Dickerson Councilmember Rusty Gray Councilmember J. Carl Williamson, Jr.</p> <p>There were absent: None</p>
Invocation	<p>The Invocation was offered by Rev. Doug Hardy.</p>
Minutes	<p>The minutes of the meeting of February 3, 2003 were approved as previously circulated on a motion by Councilmember Byrd and seconded by Councilmember Gray.</p>
Crime Stopper Program	<p>Rev. Doug Hardy, Chaplain of the Carrollton Police Department, and Mr. Dennis Blackman, Municipal Court Judge, presented a brief presentation on the <b><i>Crime Stopper Program</i></b>. Mr. Blackman said the program was developed to handle "dead-end" criminal cases. He said it has proved effective in communities across the country. He estimated that there are 900 such programs throughout the United States.</p> <p>Law enforcement personnel receive information reported by anonymous callers, who direct it to detectives for further investigation. If the information results in an arrest, the caller is likely to receive a cash reward.</p>
Revisions - Zoning/ Subdivision Ordinances	<p>Proposed revisions to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance to incorporate Residential Green-space, Residential Design Standards and "Big Box" Development Standards were considered.</p> <p>City Manager Danny Mabry advised that City staff have been involved for several months now in the preparation of said proposals. The process began with a joint work session between the Mayor and City Council and the Planning Commission on December 9, 2002 facilitated by Mr. Michael Lauer, Planning Consultant. The proposals were considered as a first public reading before the Planning Commission on January 13, 2003. A second public hearing was conducted January 29, 2003 where the Greenspace and Residential Design Standards were recommended for approval with modifications. The "Big Box" Standards were tabled and subsequently heard at a second public hearing before the Planning</p>

Commission on February 10, 2003. Mr. Mabry said that in addition to these meetings, the City staff held a work session for interested parties at a public meeting on January 23, 2003.

On a motion by Councilmember Dickerson and seconded by Councilmember Williamson, the Mayor and Council unanimously approved the standards incorporating a few minor editorial changes, with the stipulation that subdivisions that were approved subsequent to adoption of these amendments do not have to adhere to the new standards.

Urban  
Forestry  
Service

The City received a grant in the amount of **\$19,000** from the Urban Forestry Commission to conduct a street tree inventory. Requests for proposals on said project went out on January 9, 2003 to perform a tree inventory and provide computer software to support the data. One RFP was received as follows:

Southern Urban Forestry Associates

Not to exceed \$16,000

Ms. Tracy Dunnivant, Community Development Director, said the project will allow the City to identify and map existing street trees located on the main corridors. This information will serve as an additional tool for landscape plan review associated with developments within the parkway zone.

The bid was unanimously approved on a motion by Councilmember Gray and seconded by Councilmember Byrd.

Participation  
in Historic  
Preser.  
Fund  
Application

On a motion by Councilmember Williamson and seconded by Councilmember Byrd, the Mayor and Council unanimously approved the City's participation with Carroll County in a joint application for Historic Preservation funds to develop plans for rehabilitation of two structures located on the campus of the old Oak Mountain Academy owned by the County (donated by Southwire Co.).

As a Certified Local Government in the area of Historic Preservation, the City of Carrollton would be eligible to apply for a *Historic Preservation Fund Grant* to assist in the funding of an architectural and use feasibility plan. The County does not have this certification, and therefore would be unable to submit an application.

Property/  
Casualty  
Insurance

City Manager Mabry advised that normally, the City places bids for its property/casualty insurance coverage every three years. City Finance Officer Jim Triplett put together preliminary information on a bid package. Due to the "*hard insurance market*", suffered as a result of the 911 tragedy, some entities are seeking a commitment from their present coverage provider for a one year extension with a set rate increase and deferring the three year bid term until 2004. Hopefully the market will be more favorable for competitive pricing.

On a motion by Councilmember Dickerson and seconded by Councilmember Williamson, the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to ask GIRMA (our existing provider) to grant us a *not-to-exceed* rate of 25% of our current rate for a one year extension.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 8:25 o'clock p.m.

